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GROUP B POSITIONS AT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE NEGOTIATIONS
ON UNIDO CONSTITUTION.

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1. INFORMATION ADDRESSEES SHOULD COMMUNICATE THE CONTENTS
OF THIS CABLE ONLY IF THE HOST GOVERNMENT RAISES THE QUES-
TION OF THE US POSITION AT THE SECOND SESSION OF THE IN-
TERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (IGC) ON A CONSTI-
TUTION FOR AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIZED AGENCY.

2. ACTION ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO APPROACH FOREIGN
OFFICE AT APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL TO MAKE FOLLOWING
POINTS WITH OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR FORMULATING OR
APPROVING INSTRUCTIONS FOR GOVERNMENT DELEGATION TO IGC.
PARAS 4 THROUGH 17 EXCLUDING THE FYI IN PARA 9 MAY BE
GIVEN FONMIN AS AIDE MEMOIRE.

3. IGC IS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 22 - APRIL 3 IN VIENNA,
THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE PRESENT UN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

ORGANIZATION (UNIDO), AND WILL HAVE UNDER CONSIDERATION
THREE DRAFTS FOR THE PROPOSED NEW ORGANIZATION, PREPARED
RESPECTIVELY BY THE UN SECRETARIAT, GROUP B (DEVELOPED
COUNTRIES) AND THE GROUP OF 77 (G-77).

4. THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE UNIDO GENERAL CONFERENCE
ON THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
(LIMA, 1975) AND THE SUBSEQUENT DECISION OF THE SEVENTH
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SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ESTABLISH
UNIDO AS A SPECIALIZED AGENCY OF THE UN PRESENT EACH
POTENTIAL MEMBER OF THE NEW ORGANIZATION WITH THE
OPPORTUNITY AND NECESSITY TO DECIDE CONSCIOUSLY WHETHER
TO JOIN OR NOT TO JOIN THE NEW AGENCY. FOR ITS PART
THE UNITED STATES WILL WEIGH CAREFULLY THE BENEFITS AND
COSTS OF ASSUMING SUCH MEMBERSHIP. IN THE FIRST INSTANCE,
THIS WILL INVOLVE AN EVALUATION OF THE ACCEPTABILITY OF

THE TEXT OF THE CONSTITUTION WHICH EMERGES FROM THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE. FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS ON THE ACCEPTABILITY OR VALUE OF THE AGENCY'S POTENTIAL PROGRAM ARE NOT DEALT WITH IN THIS CABLE.

5. TWO BASIC PROVISIONS IN THE THREE DRAFT CONSTITUTION TEXTS ALREADY PUT FORWARD ON WHICH THE US WILL INSIST EVEN IF THEY PRODUCE COLLISION WITH G-77 ARE 1) THAT ASSESSED CONTRIBUTIONS SHALL NOT BE USED FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (OPERATIONAL) ACTIVITIES, I.E., ELIMINATION FROM THE TEXT OF THE UNITARY BUDGET, AND 2) THAT DECISIONS ON BUDGET LEVELS FINANCED BY ASSESSED CONTRIBUTIONS SHALL BE MADE BY VOTING PROCEDURES THAT PROVIDE THE MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS TO THE ORGANIZATION WITH A VOICE IN FINANCIAL MATTERS THAT WILL REFLECT THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT THEY FURNISH TO THE ORGANIZATION, I.E.; INCLUSION IN THE TEXT OF WEIGHTED VOTING. THESE PROCEDURES ARE PROVIDED FOR IN ARTICLES 10 BIS, 11, 12, AND 13 OF THE GROUP B DRAFT (QUOTED BELOW). WEIGHTED VOTING PROCEDURES ARE ALREADY USED IN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND HAVE RECENTLY BEEN NEGOTIATED FOR USE IN THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT.

6. FIRST U.S. REQUIREMENT. IF THE PROVISIONS OF THE G-77 DRAFT TEXT DEALING WITH ASSESSED CONTRIBUTIONS ARE RETAINED IN A FINAL NEGOTIATED TEXT, THE U.S. EXECUTIVE BRANCH WILL NOT RECOMMEND U.S. RATIFICATION OF THE TREATY. ARTICLES 15 AND 13 OF THE G-77 TEXT CONTRADICT DIRECTLY THE FIRST PREREQUISITE FOR U.S. MEMBERSHIP LISTED ABOVE AND ARTICLE 12, PARA 4, CONTRADICTS BY OMISSION THE FIRST PREREQUISITE FOR U.S. MEMBERSHIP.

7. G-77 ARTICLE 15 READS, "IN ORDER TO...MEET PROMPTLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND FLEXIBLY THE NEEDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, THERE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND WHICH WILL BE FINANCED THROUGH ASSESSED AND VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS" (THE NEEDS OF THE ONE PARTICULAR GROUP OF COUNTRIES, DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, SPECIFIED IN THIS ARTICLE INCLUDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND IT IS TO BE FINANCED BY ASSESSED CONTRIBUTIONS). ARTICLE 13 READS, "EXPENDITURES, IN SO FAR AS NOT COVERED BY UNRESTRICTED VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS OR OTHER INCOME, SHALL BE BORNE BY THE MEMBERS, AS APPORTIONED IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESPECTIVE SCALES OF ASSESSMENTS...." (THIS IS A BLANK CHECK FOR THE AMOUNT AS WELL AS FOR THE USES, INCLUDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, OF ASSESSED CONTRIBUTIONS.) ARTICLE 12, PARA 4 READS, "THE BUDGET SHALL RELATE TO ALL EXPENDITURES TO BE FINANCED FROM ASSESSED AND FROM

UNRESTRICTED VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS AS WELL AS FROM OTHER INCOME." (TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES ARE NOT IDENTIFIED AS A SEPARATE PORTION OF THE BUDGET TO BE FINANCED EXCLUSIVELY BY VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS.)

8. CERTAIN OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE G-77 DRAFT TEXT, WHILE NOT CONCLUSIVELY PRECLUDING U.S. MEMBERSHIP, WOULD SERIOUSLY DISCOURAGE IT. SUCH PROVISIONS HAVE BEEN THE SUBJECT OF GROUP B CONSULTATIONS IN VIENNA AND SHOULD NOT BE RAISED WITH HOST GOVERNMENT AT THIS TIME.

9. A CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISION WHICH SATISFACTORILY EXCLUDES FINANCING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM ASSESSED CONTRIBUTIONS, THE FIRST PREREQUISITE OF U.S. MEMBERSHIP, IS FOUND IN GROUP B ARTICLE 10 BIS WHICH READS,
1)THE EXPENDITURES OF THE ORGANIZATION SHALL BE CLASSIFIED UNDER THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES: (A) EXPENSES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND RESEARCH ACTIVITIES. THESE SHALL INCLUDE EXPENSES OF STAFF OTHER THAN STAFF ENGAGED IN THE DIRECT SUPPORT OF OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES; COSTS OF MEETINGS, INCLUDING TECHNICAL MEETINGS PROVIDED FOR IN THE PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION; RESEARCH ACTIVITIES OTHER THAN THOSE WHICH WOULD CONSTITUTE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO A MEMBER OR A LIMITED NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION; AND OTHER GENERAL HEAD-QUARTER'S EXPENSES. (B) EXPENSES FOR OPERATIONAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ACTIVITIES. THESE SHALL INCLUDE ALL ACTIVITIES OTHER THAN THOSE PROVIDED FOR IN SUB-PARAGRAPH (A) ABOVE.
2) EXPENSES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND RESEARCH ACTIVITIES SHALL BE BORNE BY THE REGULAR BUDGET OF THE ORGANIZATION.
3)THE REGULAR BUDGET SHALL BE RESTRICTED TO THOSE EXPENDITURES SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH 1(A) OF THIS ARTICLE.

4) EXPENSES FOR OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES SHALL BE MET FROM THE VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS UNDER ARTICLE 13 AND FROM OTHER INCOME. (FYI: DURING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE USG INTENDS TO INSIST ON CLARIFICATION OF EXPRESSION PARA 4 ARTICLE 10 BIS "AND FROM OTHER INCOME" TO ASSURE THAT IT REFERS TO ENTIRELY INCONSEQUENTIAL SUMS FROM SALE OF PUBLICATIONS AND THE LIKE AND NOT REGULAR INCOME FROM SOURCES OF APPRECIABLE MAGNITUDE SUCH AS STAFF ASSESSMENT.)

10. THE PRINCIPLE OF THE SEPARATION OF THE COSTS OF OPERATIONAL (TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE) ACTIVITIES FROM THE GENERAL HEADQUARTERS EXPENSES OF THE ORGANIZATION WAS FUNDAMENTALLY ESTABLISHED IN UNGA RESOLUTION 2152 (XXI), PARAS 20, 21, AND 22, WHICH FOUNDED UNIDO AS IT EXISTS

TODAY. THERE IS NO OTHER CONCEPTUAL APPROACH WHICH WILL SATISFY U.S. REQUIREMENTS IN THIS RESPECT. AS INDICATED ABOVE, GROUP B ARTICLE 10 BIS DOES SO FULLY. MOREOVER, ARTICLE 10 BIS IS MORE PRECISELY DRAFTED THAN THE CORRESPONDING PARAS IN RESOLUTION 2152 IN THAT ARTICLE 10 BIS EXCLUDES FROM ASSESSED BUDGETS THE EXPENSES OF STAFF ATTRIBUTABLE TO DIRECT SUPPORT OF OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES (I.E. THE OVERHEAD COSTS OF CARRYING OUT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS). CARE WILL THUS BE REQUIRED IN THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATING ANY ALTERNATIVE WORDING TO THAT FOUND IN ARTICLE 10 BIS IN ORDER TO AVOID ERODING THE PRINCIPLE THROUGH SOME ELASTIC DEFINITION OF OVERHEAD COSTS ELIGIBLE FOR FINANCING THROUGH THE REGULAR BUDGET.

11. SECOND U.S. REQUIREMENT.THEG-77 DRAFT TEXT PROVISIONS DEALING WITH VOTING PROCEDURES TO APPROVE THE BUDGET DO NOT MEET THE SECOND MINIMUM US REQUIREMENT FOR JOINING THE SPECIALIZED AGENCY. G-77 DRAFT TEXT ARTICLE 12 PROVIDES THAT THE CONFERENCE SHALL APPROVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE BUDGET BY A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY. A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY TO APPROVE THE PORTION OF THE BUDGET FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES FINANCED BY VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS WOULD SATISFY U.S. REQUIREMENTS, BUT A 2/3 MAJORITY BY ITSELF IS UNSATISFACTORY TO THE U.S. WHEN APPLIED TO APPROVAL OF THE PORTION OF THE BUDGET FINANCED BY ASSESSED CONTRIBUTIONS (DEFINED IN GROUP B ARTICLE 10 BIS AS THE "REGULAR BUDGET.").

12. NEITHER DOES THE 2/3 CONFERENCE MAJORITY SPECIFIED IN G-77 ARTICLE 13 TO APPROVE THE SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS BY ITSELF MEET THE SECOND U.S. MINIMUM REQUIREMENT.

13. THE SECOND PREREQUISITE FOR U.S. MEMBERSHIP, VIZ., WEIGHTED VOTING ON THE ASSESSED BUDGET, IS SATISFIED BY GROUP B ARTICLE 11 AND 12 WHICH APPLY TO THE "REGULAR BUDGET" AS DEFINED IN ARTICLE 10 BIS QUOTED ABOVE. GROUP B ARTICLE 11, PARAGRAPH 3 STATES, "THE CONFERENCE SHALL...APPROVE...THE REGULAR BUDGET...BY A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY, AS WELL AS THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF MEMBERS THAT ARE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE REGULAR BUDGET OF THE ORGANIZATION AT LEAST ONE-HALF OF THE RESOURCES TO BE ASSESSED ON MEMBER STATES...." GROUP B ARTICLE 12, STATES, "REGULAR BUDGET EXPENDITURES SHALL BE BORNE BY THE MEMBERS...WITH SCALES OF ASSESSMENT ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE BY A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY AND THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF MEMBERS THAT HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE REGULAR BUDGET AT LEAST ONE-HALF OF THE RESOURCES DURING THE PRECEDING FINANCIAL PERIOD."

14. G-77 REPRESENTATIVES AT IGC I FORCEFULLY REJECTED CONCEPT OF WEIGHTED VOTING WHICH FIRST APPEARED IN THE SECRETARIAT DRAFT ISSUED IN JUNE 1975. G-77 REPRESENTATIVES ELIMINATED WEIGHTED VOTING FROM THEIR DRAFT ISSUED AT THE CONCLUSION OF IGC I IN JANUARY 1976. THE US RECOGNIZES THAT G-77 OPPOSITION TO THE CONCEPT OF A SPECIALLY QUALIFIED MAJORITY AS IT REAPPEARED IN THE GROUP B DRAFT ALSO ISSUED IN JANUARY 1976 WILL LEAD TO STRONG AND UNIFIED RESISTANCE ON THEIR PART TO ITS INCLUSION IN AN AGREED FINAL VERSION OF THE CONSTITUTION. THE US BELIEVES, NONETHELESS, THAT ANY ATTEMPT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AT FUTURE SESSIONS OF THE IGC SUBSTANTIALLY TO MODIFY THE GROUP B DRAFT IN THIS RESPECT OR TO SUBSTITUTE ALTERNATIVE MECHANISMS FOR THE WEIGHTED VOTING PROCEDURE WOULD BE UNLIKELY TO PROVIDE A SOLUTION THAT THE US COULD ACCEPT.

15. IT SHOULD BE NOTED IN THIS RESPECT THAT ART. 11 OF GROUP B DRAFT ITSELF IS NOT ENTIRELY SATISFACTORY TO U.S. WHICH PREFERS A FORMULATION REQUIRING APPROVAL OF PROGRAM/BUDGET BY AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF MEMBERS CONTRIBUTING "AT LEAST TWO-THIRDS" OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS CALCULATED ON THE BASIS OF ASSESSED CONTRIBUTIONS ACTUALLY "PAID DURING PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR". THE GROUP B ART. 11 TEXT PRESENTLY READS "AT LEAST ONE-HALF" AND "TO BE ASSESSED DURING THE FINANCIAL PERIOD."

16. PARTICIPANTS IN IGC MAY WELL NOT GIVE FULL CREDENCE TO THE SERIOUSNESS OF US INSISTENCE THAT THE TWO POINTS DISCUSSED ABOVE ARE PREREQUISITES FOR US MEMBERSHIP IN UNIDO AS A SPECIALIZED AGENCY. THIS DISBELIEF COULD

WELL LEAD TO RESULTS THAT WOULD ALL BUT PRECLUDE

POSSIBILITY OF US MEMBERSHIP IN NEW ORGANIZATION, AN OUTCOME WHICH NEITHER USG NOR OTHER PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS, WE PRESUME, DESIRE. IN OUR VIEW IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT A CORE OF GROUP B COUNTRIES STAND FIRM ON THESE POINTS IF SUCH A SITUATION IS TO BE AVOIDED. THE US VALUES HIGHLY THE CONSULTATIONS WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE AMONG GROUP B COUNTRIES IN VIENNA PRIOR TO AND DURING THE FIRST SESSION OF THE IGC, AND HOPES THAT THESE CONSULTATIONS WILL CONTINUE IN A CONTEXT THAT WILL PROVIDE THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE MUTUAL SUPPORT. THE USG HOPES, THEREFORE, THAT YOUR HOST GOVERNMENT WILL INSTRUCT ITS DELEGATION TO IGC II TO PRESS FOR THE CONCEPTS EMBODIED IN ARTS. 10 BIS, (TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FINANCING

EXCLUSIVELY VOLUNTARY) 11, 12 AND 13 (SPECIALLY QUALIFIED MAJORITIES ON ASSESSED BUDGET ISSUES) OF THE GROUP B DRAFT IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS, I.E., THAT THEY CONSTITUTE NECESSARY CONDITIONS FOR THE HOST GOVERNMENT'S MEMBERSHIP IN THE PROPOSED NEW ORGANIZED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ZATION.

17. IF GROUP B SOLIDARITY CAN BE STRENGTHENED BEHIND ARTICLES 10 BIS, 11, 12 AND 13 OF THE GROUP B TEXT, THE U.S. WOULD BE PREPARED TO MOVE FROM ITS HARDER POSITION ON GROUP B ARTICLE 11 DESCRIBED IN PARA 15 ABOVE. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES THE U.S. WOULD ALSO BE INCLINED TO ACCEPT THE GROUP B ART. 20 PARA 2 REQUIREMENT OF A 2/3 MAJORITY OF ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION RATHER THAN THE 3/4 VOTE FAVORED BY THE U.S. THE WEIGHTED VOTING PROVISION WILL OF COURSE BE MAINTAINED. ARTICLE 20, PARA 2, STATES " AMENDMENTS TO THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL REQUIRE THE APPROVAL BY THE CONFERENCE, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ANY OBSERVATIONS OF THE BOARD, BY A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY OF ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE AND, IN CASE OF AMENDMENT OF PROVISIONS CONCERNING VOTING PROCEDURES THESE SHALL IN ADDITION REQUIRE THE SAME MAJORITIES OR QUALIFIED MAJORITIES AS CONTAINED THEREIN, AND SHALL TAKE EFFECT ON ACCEPTANCE BY TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS FOR EACH MEMBER ACCEPTING THE AMENDMENT AND SUBSEQUENTLY FOR EACH REMAINING MEMBER ON ACCEPTANCE OF IT."

18. DEPT. WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF REACTION OF FONMIN TO THIS DEMARCHE IN ADVANCE OF THE OPENING OF IGC II ON MARCH 22. EMBASSY SHOULD REPORT REACTION TO DEPT. VIA IMMEDIATE CABLE, INFO TO AMEMBASSY VIENNA FOR US MISSION UNIDO AND TO USUN, NEW YORK.

19. FOR BONN: UNDERSTAND THAT FRG WILL HOLD INTER-MINISTERIAL MEETINGS IN PREPARATION FOR SECOND SESSION IGC ON MARCH 16 AND 17. EMBASSY SHOULD CARRY OUT DEMARCHE IN TIME FOR IT TO RECEIVE FULL CONSIDERATION DURING THESE MEETINGS. NORMAL CONTACT ON UNIDO MATTERS IN FONMIN WOULD BE EBERHARD KURTH. HE, AS HEAD OF FRG DEL TO UNIDO MEETINGS, IS FULLY FAMILIAR WITH USG CONCERNS. HOWEVER, FOR MAXIMUM EFFECTIVENESS, DEPT. BELIEVES THAT APPROACH TO FONMIN SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT AT LEVEL SUPERIOR TO KURTH.

20. FOR VIENNA: THIS CABLE ALSO REPRESENTS INSTRUCTIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO THE U.S. DELEGATION TO THE IGC BOTH ON THE SPECIFIED CENTRAL SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES AND ON THE NEGOTIATING PROCEDURE OF PRESENTING TO THE G-77 MUTUALLY WITH OTHER GROUP B MEMBERS REQUIREMENTS ON WHICH THE QUESTION OF EVENTUAL MEMBERSHIP DEPENDS AS REQUESTED OF GROUP B GOVERNMENTS IN PARAGRAPH 16 ABOVE. THEREFORE, MISSION IS INSTRUCTED 1) TO INFORM REPRESENTATIVES OF ACTION ADDRESSEES OF THE CONTENTS OF THE APPROACH TO THEIR FONMINS AND 2) TO A) URGE VIGOROUSLY THE ADDITION OF A THIRD REQUIREMENT B) WORK OUT A TEXT WITHIN GROUP B AND C) REPORT INITIAL REACTIONS TO DEPT.

21. THE POSSIBLE THIRD REQUIREMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP IS BASED ON THE U.S. CONCERN THAT NONE OF THE PRESENT DRAFT TEXTS, INCLUDING THE GROUP B DRAFT TEXT, PROVIDE PROTECTION AGAINST INCLUSION IN THE PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF ACTIVITIES BY THE SECRETARIAT WHICH ARE CONSIDERED INIMICAL TO THE INTERESTS OF SOME OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES. TO MEET THIS CONCERN THE CONSTITUTION SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE A NEW PROVISION WHICH WOULD ENABLE ANY COMBINATION OF MEMBERS WHOSE COMBINED ASSESSMENTS AMOUNT TO 50 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL BUDGET TO EXCLUDE BY THEIR VOTE ANY SELECTED ACTIVITY IN THE PROPOSED PROGRAM OF WORK AND BUDGET.

22. THE DELEGATION AT THE SAME TIME SHOULD KEEP IN MIND THAT, AS HAS BEEN INDICATED IN PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS AND PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON THIS SUBJECT, THE QUESTION OF EVENTUAL U.S. MEMBERSHIP IN THE NEW SPECIALIZED AGENCY WILL TURN ON CONSIDERATIONS OF THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE

NEW ORGANIZATION CAN BE EXPECTED TO ACCORD WITH BROAD US INTERESTS WHICH GO BEYOND THE NEGOTIATION OF A SATISFACTORY CONSTITUTION.

FYI FOR TACTICAL PURPOSES WE FEEL THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT GROUP B COUNTRIES NOT SLIDE OFF ESTABLISHED GROUP B POSITIONS ON WEIGHTED VOTING AND BUDGET DEFINITION. THIS WILL CERTAINLY BE US POSITION IN UPCOMING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE NEGOTIATIONS. HOWEVER, THE BASIC PROBLEM WHICH UNDERLIES US INSISTENCE ON WEIGHTED VOTING AND BUDGET

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DEFINITION IS TO AVOID A SITUATION WHERE US RESOURCES CAN BE COMMITTED WITHOUT A COMMENSURATE US VOICE. THEREFORE, IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS WE ARE NOT WEDDED TO SPECIFIC

MECHANISMS SO LONG AS EQUALLY SECURE PROCEDURES AND DE-
VICES ARE ADOPTED TO ACCOMPLISH THE SAME PURPOSE. END
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